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MANILA FOR USADB, DEPT FOR NAC AGENCIES

1. EMBASSY BELIEVES CURRENT STATE OF KNOWLEDGE ADB PROJECTS IN AFGHANISTAN AND ADEQUACY OF INFORMATION FLOW RELATIVE TO THOSE PROJECTS REASONABLY GOOD, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF ABSENCE ADB RESREP THIS COUNTRY. ADB MONTHLY OPERATIONAL REPORTS NORMALLY RECEIVED HERE WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF PUBLICATION. ADDITIONALLY, USADB USUALLY INFORMS TELEGRAPHICALLY RE SPECIFIC PROJECTS IN AFGHANISTAN WHERE U.S. COMPANIES SHOULD HAVE KEEN INTEREST. NOTABLE EXAMPLE IS KAJAKAI SPILLWAY GATES PROJECT AND FOLLOW-ON COMPREHENSIVE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR UPPER HELMAND VALLEY.

2. RE SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING KNOWLEDGE ON PART OF U.S.

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BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN ADB-FINANCED PROJECTS, EMBASSY

SUGGESTS USADB MANILA CONSIDER INFORMING EMBASSY KABUL TELEGRAPHICALLY OF PLANNED VISITS TO AFGHANISTAN OF ADB OFFICIALS. INFO ON SUCH VISITS CURRENTLY CONTAINED ADB TRAVEL BULLETINS WHICH SOMETIMES ARRIVE AFTER VISITS HAVE TAKEN PLACE. ADB VISITING OFFICIALS USUALLY MAKE POINT OF CALLING ON SOME ELEMENT OF US MISSION, BUT ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE THEIR IMPENDING VISITS WOULD ASSIST EMBASSY ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL PERSONNEL IN PINPOINTING POSSIBLE COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR U.S. BUSINESS.

3. AS FINAL SUGGESTION, EMBASSY WONDERS WHETHER DEPT HAS CONSIDERED ASSIGNING ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER TO EMBASSY MANILA WITH REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES, ESPECIALLY KEEPING TRACK OF COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES EMANATING FROM ADB-FINANCED PROJECTS WORLD-WIDE. REVIEW OF MAJOR EXPORT PROJECTS TELEGRAPHIC TRAFFIC DURING PAST TWELVE MONTHS REVEALS NO RPT NO INFO COPIES SUCH PROJECTS EMANATING FROM EMBASSY MANILA FOR ADB-FINANCED PROJECTS IN AFGHANISTAN.

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